

REMARKS

Prior to an examination of the present application, the Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.


The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to cancel claims 1-10 and add new claims 11-20.

The IDS filed on June 14, 2004, incorrectly indicates that the filing date of the IDS was "June 14, 2001." Accordingly, additionally attached hereto is a substitute copy of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed June 14, 2004. The substitute IDS is identical to the previously submitted IDS, with the exception that the date has been corrected. It is respectfully requested that the previously submitted IDS (submitted on June 14, 2004, but dated June 14, 2001) be replaced with the attached substitute IDS.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Applicant's undersigned Attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any such matters so as to expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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